

H.R. 2761, to extend the Terrorism Insurance Program of the Department of the Treasury, with an amendment (H. Rept. 110–318);

H. Res. 636, providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 1908) to amend title 35, United States Code, to provide for patent reform (H. Rept. 110–319); and

H. Res. 637, providing for consideration of the conference report to accompany the bill (H.R. 2669) to provide for reconciliation pursuant to section 601 of the concurrent resolution on the budget for fiscal year 2008 (H. Rept. 110–320).

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Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein she appointed Representative Holden to act as Speaker pro tempore for today.

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Chaplain: The prayer was offered by the guest Chaplain, Chaplain Jonathan J. Etterbeek, 32nd Medical Brigade, Fort Sam Houston, Texas.

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Journal: The House agreed to the Speaker's approval of the Journal by a yea-and-nay vote of 214 yeas to 176 nays, Roll No. 854.

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Native American Housing Assistance and Self-Determination Reauthorization Act of 2007: The House passed H.R. 2786, to reauthorize the programs for housing assistance for Native Americans, by a yea-and-nay vote of 333 yeas to 75 nays, Roll No. 859.

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Accepted:

Boren amendment to the Watt amendment (No. 6 printed in the Congressional Record of September 5, 2007) that adds subsections relating to Congressional findings on the status of the Cherokee Freedmen;

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Watt amendment (No. 6 printed in the Congressional Record of September 5, 2007) that prohibits funds from being used for the benefit of the Cherokee Nation of Oklahoma until the Cherokee Nation of Oklahoma is in full compliance with the Treaty of 1866 and fully recognizes all Cherokee Freedmen and their descendants as citizens of the Cherokee Nation;

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Pearce amendment (No. 3 printed in the Congressional Record of September 5, 2007) that adds a new section titled "Demonstration Program for Guaranteed Loans to Finance Tribal Community and Economic Development Activities" to the bill; and

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King (IA) amendment (No. 2 printed in the Congressional Record of September 5, 2007) that prohibits funds from being used to employ certain workers under the Immigration and Nationality Act (by a recorded vote of 263 yeas to 146 noes, Roll No. 857).

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Rejected:

Westmoreland amendment (No. 7 printed in the Congressional Record of September 5, 2007) that sought to strike language providing housing assistance for native Hawaiians (by a recorded vote of 112 yeas to 298 noes, Roll No. 856) and

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Price (GA) amendment (No. 5 printed in the Congressional Record of September 5, 2007) that sought to add a new section providing for offsets of spending authorized by the bill (by a recorded vote of 184 yeas to 228 noes, Roll No. 858).

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Agreed that the Clerk be authorized to make technical and conforming changes to reflect the actions of the House.

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H. Res. 633, the rule providing for consideration of the bill, was agreed to by a yea-and-nay vote of 221 yeas to 178 nays, Roll No. 855, after agreeing to order the previous question.

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Quorum Calls—Votes: Three yea-and-nay votes and three recorded votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H10166–67, H10167–68, H10193–94, H10194–95, H10195, and H10196. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 6:34 p.m.

Committee Meetings

IRAQ REPORT AND OUTLOOK

Committee on Armed Services: Held a hearing on the report of the Independent Commission on the Security Forces of Iraq. Testimony was heard from the following members of the Independent Commission on the Security Forces of Iraq: GEN James Jones, USMC (Ret.), Chairman; John Hamre; GEN George Joulwan, USA (Ret.) and Chief Charles H. Ramsey.

SECTION 202 SUPPORTIVE HOUSING FOR THE ELDERLY ACT OF 2007

Committee on Financial Services: Subcommittee on Housing and Community Opportunity held a hearing on H.R. 2930, Section 202 Supportive Housing for the Elderly Act of 2007. Testimony was heard from John Garvin, Senior Advisor to the Assistant Secretary for the Office Housing/Acting Deputy Assistant Secretary for the Office of Multi-Family Housing, Department of Housing and Urban Development; and public witnesses.

HOMEOWNERS' DEFENSE ACT OF 2007

Committee on Financial Services: Subcommittee on Housing and Community Opportunity and the Subcommittee on Capital Markets, Insurance, and Government Sponsored Enterprises held a joint hearing on H.R. 3355, Homeowners' Defense Act of 2007. Testimony was heard from Phillip Swagel, Assistant Secretary, Economic Policy, Department of the Treasury; Matthew Patrick, member, House of Representatives, State of Massachusetts; and public witnesses.

BEYOND SEPTEMBER REPORT: WHAT'S NEXT FOR IRAQ?

Committee on Foreign Affairs and the Committee on Armed Services held a joint hearing on Beyond the September Report: What's Next for Iraq? Testimony was heard from William J. Perry, former Secretary of Defense; MG John Batiste, USA, (Ret.); and GEN John M. Keane, USA, (Ret.).

DOMESTIC USE OF SPY TECHNOLOGY

Committee on Homeland Security: Held a hearing entitled "Turning Spy Satellites on the Homeland: the Privacy and Civil Liberties Implications of the National Applications Office." Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Homeland Security: Charles Allen, Chief Intelligence Officer, Office of Intelligence and Analysis; Daniel W. Sutherland, Officer, Civil Rights and Civil Liberties; and Hugo Teufel, Chief Privacy Officer; and public witnesses.

CHAPTER 11 FAIRNESS

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Commercial and Administrative Law held a hearing on American Workers in Crisis: Does the Chapter 11 Business Bankruptcy Law Treat Employees and Retirees Fairly? Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

RESTORE HABEAS CORPUS FOR INDIVIDUALS DETAINED AT GUANTANAMO BAY

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on the Constitution, Civil Rights, and Civil Liberties approved for full Committee action H.R. 2826, To amend titles 28 and 10, United States Code, to restore habeas corpus for individuals detained by the United States at Naval Station, Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, and for other purposes.

CONCEALED FIREARMS CARRY AUTHORITY

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, and Homeland Security held a hearing on the Implementation of the "Law Enforcement Offi-

cers Safety Act of 2004 (Public Law 108-277) and Additional Legislative Efforts Aimed at Expanding the Authority to Carry Concealed Firearms. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

COMPREHENSIVE IMMIGRATION REFORM

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Immigration, Citizenship, Refugees, Border Security, and International Law held a hearing on H.R. 1645, Security Through Regularized Immigration and a Vibrant Economy Act of 2007. Testimony was heard from Representatives Flake, Baca, LaHood, and Bilbray; Corey Stewart, Chairman At-Large, Prince William County Board of Supervisors, State of Virginia; and public witnesses.

WILDLIFE PROTECTION MEASURES

Committee on Natural Resources: Subcommittee on Fisheries, Wildlife and Oceans held a hearing on the following bills: H.R. 1464, Great Cats and Rare Canids Act of 2007; H.R. 1771, Crane Conservation Act of 2007; and H.R. 1913, Great Cats Conservation Act of 2007. Testimony was heard from Representatives Udall of New Mexico and Baldwin; Todd Willens, Deputy Assistant Secretary, Fish and Wildlife and Parks, Department of the Interior; and public witnesses.

PATENT REFORM ACT OF 2007

Committee on Rules: Granted, by a vote of 8 to 4, a structured rule providing 1 hour of general debate on H.R. 1908, Patent Reform Act of 2007, equally divided and controlled by the chairman and ranking minority member of the Committee on the Judiciary. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the bill except those arising under clause 9 or 10 of rule XXI. The rule provides that the amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on the Judiciary, now printed in the bill, shall be considered as an original bill for the purpose of amendment and shall be considered as read. The rule waives all points of order against the committee amendment in the nature of a substitute except those arising under clause 10 of rule XXI.

The rule makes in order only those amendments printed in the Rules Committee report accompanying the resolution. Such amendments may be offered only in the order printed in the report, may be offered only by the Member designated in the report, shall be considered as read, shall be debatable for the time specified in the report equally divided and controlled by the proponent and an opponent, shall not be subject to amendment, and shall not be subject to a demand for division of the question in the House or in the Committee of the Whole. The

rule waives all points of order against the amendments printed in the report except those arising under clause 9 or 10 of rule XXI. The rule provides one motion to recommit with or without instructions. Finally, the rule permits the Chair, during consideration of the bill in the House, to postpone further consideration of the bill to a time designated by the Speaker. Testimony was heard from Chairman Conyers and Representatives Berman, Jackson-Lee of Texas, Michaud, Smith of Texas, Issa, and Manzullo.

CONFERENCE REPORT—COLLEGE COST REDUCTION ACT OF 2007

Committee on Rules: Granted, by a vote of 8 to 3, a rule providing for the consideration of the conference report to accompany the bill H.R. 2669 to provide for reconciliation pursuant to section 601 of the concurrent resolution on the budget for fiscal year 2008. The resolution waives all points of order against the conference report and its consideration. The resolution considers the conference report as read. Testimony was heard from Chairman Miller of California and Representative McKeon.

NASA ASTRONAUT HEALTHCARE SYSTEM

Committee on Science and Technology: Subcommittee on Space and Aeronautics held a hearing on NASA's Astronaut Health Care System—Results of an Independent Review. Testimony was heard from COL Richard E. Backmann, Jr., USAF, Chair, NASA Astronaut Health Care System Review; and the following officials of NASA: Michael Griffin, Administrator; Richard S. Williams, M.D., Chief, Health and Medical Officer; Bryan O'Connor, Chief, Safety and Mission Assurance; and Ellen Ochoa, Director, Flight Crew Operations.

SBA'S INVESTMENT AND SURETY BOND PROGRAMS

Committee on Small Business: Held a hearing on the Small Business Administration's Investment and Surety Bond Programs. Testimony was heard from Steven C. Preston, Administrator, SBA; and public witnesses.

VETERANS PREFERENCE

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: Subcommittee on Economic Opportunity held a hearing on Veterans Preference. Testimony was heard from Neil A.G. McPhie, Chairman, Merit Systems Protection Board; Patricia S. Bradshaw, Deputy Under Secretary, Defense for Civilian Personnel Policy, Department of Defense; Boyd K. Rutherford, Assistant Secretary, Administration, USDA; Anita R. Hanson, Outreach

Group Manager, OPM; John McWilliam, Deputy Assistant Secretary, Veterans' Employment and Training Service, Department of Labor; Willie Hensley, Deputy Assistant Secretary, Human Resources Management, Department of Veterans Affairs; representatives of veterans organizations; and public witnesses.

TAX CODE FAIRNESS

Committee on Ways and Means: Held a hearing on Fair and Equitable Tax Policy for American's Working Families. Testimony was heard from Peter R. Orszag, Director, CBO; Douglas Holtz-Eakin, former Director, CBO; Eugene Steuerle, former Deputy Assistant Secretary, Tax Analysis, Department of the Treasury; and public witnesses.

FISA

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence: Met in executive session to hold a hearing on the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act (FISA). Testimony was heard from LTG Keith B. Alexander, USA, Director, NSA, Department of Defense; and the following officials of the Department of Justice: Robert S. Mueller III, Director, FBI; and Kenneth Wainstein, Assistant Attorney General, National Security Division.

FUTURE OF COAL UNDER CARBON CAPTURE AND STORAGE

Select Committee on Energy Independence and Global Warming: Held a hearing entitled "The Future of Coal Under Carbon Capture and Storage." Testimony was heard from Dave Freudenthal, Governor of Wyoming; and public witnesses.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 7, 2007

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Armed Services: to hold hearings to examine a report of the Government Accountability Office's assessment of 18 Iraq benchmarks, with the possibility of a closed session in SR-222 immediately following the open session, 9 a.m., SH-216.

House

Committee on Rules, to consider H.R. 811, Voter Confidence and Increased Accessibility Act of 2007, 10:30 a.m., H-313 Capitol.

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence, executive, briefing on Iraq National Intelligence Estimate, 11 a.m., H-405 Capitol.